



**karachi
literature
festival**

bringing together international
and pakistani writers to show
creative writing at its best

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The Karachi Literature Festival is being organised by the Oxford University Press Pakistan and the British Council.

There is currently a huge interest around the world in writing from Pakistan, and established and emerging Pakistani writers have received great attention and critical acclaim internationally, as well as at home.

The festival, the first of its kind in Pakistan, provides an opportunity to put Pakistan on the map as a country rich in culture and creativity. It will provide a platform for dialogue between Pakistan and the rest of the world – putting contemporary writing and thought from Pakistan on an international platform, and bringing contemporary writing from around the world to local Pakistani audiences.

In addition to the main event, the Karachi Literature Festival will be promoting young writers through a creative writing competition and is also developing an educational strand to video-link students in the UK and Pakistan using debate around contemporary writing.

saturday 20 march

10am-11am	Lawn	Formal Inauguration Speakers: Mashhood Rizvi, Asif Farrukhi, Ameena Saiyid, and Anita Ghulam Ali
11am-12 noon	Maharani	Transplanted Flowers Readings and in Conversation with Aamer Hussein Moderator: Muneeza Shamsie
	Maharaja	Readings and in Conversation with Kishwar Naheed Moderator: Durdana Soomro
11am - 1pm	Sahr 1	Workshop on creative writing by Adrian Hussain
12 noon - 1pm	Maharaja	Panel Discussion: Literature from Pakistan: Old, New and Across Languages Moderator: Asif Farrukhi. Panelists: Kishwar Naheed, Aamer Hussein, Masood Ashar, and Intizar Hussain
	Maharani	Readings and in Conversation with Bapsi Sidhwa Moderator: Ishrat Lindblad
1pm - 2pm		Lunch
2pm - 3pm	Maharaja	Readings and in Conversation with Mohammad Hanif Moderator: Sadia Shepard
	Maharani	Literature and Humour with Sarfraz Manzoor Moderator: Asif Noorani
3pm - 4pm	Maharaja	Panel Discussion: Literature and Activism Moderator: Sunil Sethi. Panelists: Mohammad Hanif, Fahmida Riaz, and Arfa Syeda Zehra
	Maharani	Book Launches <i>Zakhm Ka Nishan</i> by Susan Abulhawa translated by Masood Ashar <i>Shadianey</i> by Naguib Mehfoz translated by Fahmida Riaz Moderators: Obaid Siddiqui and Ghazi Salahuddin
4pm - 5pm	Maharaja	Talk by Shamsur Rahman Faruqi 'Urdu ki Majmooi Sooretehaal' Moderator: Iftikhar Arif
	Maharani	Readings and in Conversation with Zulfikar Ghose Moderator: Ishrat Lindblad
5pm - 6pm	Maharani	Readings and in Conversation with Sara MacDonald, Sehba Sarwar, and Sadia Shepard Moderator: Raza Rumi
5pm - 7pm	Scellinas	Urdu Poetry Reading (Mushaira) Conductor: Fatima Hassan Participants: Shamsur Rahman Faruqi, Iftikhar Arif, Zehra Nigah, Fahmida Riaz, Kishwar Naheed, Saheer Ansari, Anwar Shaoor, Shahida Hassan, Harris Khaliq, Ajmal Siraj, Imdad Hussaini, and Kashif Hussain Ghayar
6pm - 7pm	Maharani	Readings and in Conversation with Maniza Naqvi and Sehba Sarwar Moderator: Ayesha Tammy Haq
9pm onwards	Arts Council	Song of Mohenjodaro A ballet performance by Tehrik-e-Niswan (Sheema Kermani and group). By invitation only.

sunday 21 march

10am - 11am	Maharani	<p>A Tribute to Quratulain Hyder Moderator: Raza Rumi. Panelists: Intizar Husain, Fahmida Riaz, Aamer Hussein, and Arfa Syeda Zehra</p>
	Sahr 1, Maharaja Board Room1	<p>Reading and story telling sessions for families and children Authors/ Story-tellers: Saman Shamsie, Zara Mumtaz, and Musharraf Ali Farooqi Moderators: Raheela Baqai, Nida Dossa, and Seema Khan</p>
11am - 12 noon	Maharani	<p>Book Launches <i>50 Poems: 30 Selected 20 New</i> by Zulfikar Ghose <i>Home Boy</i> by Husain Naqvi Moderators: Amberina Kazi and Ishrat Lindblad</p>
	Scellinas	<p>Launch of <i>The Oxford Book of Urdu Short Stories</i> Selected and Translated by Amina Azfar Followed by discussion on the world of Urdu short stories Intizar Hussain to launch. Moderator: Asif Farrukhi Speakers: Hasan Manzar, and Asad Mohammad Khan</p>
12 noon - 1pm	Maharani	<p>From Manuscript to Bestseller An interactive session with Ameena Saiyid and Asif Noorani Moderator: Ameena Saiyid</p>
	Maharaja	<p>Panel Discussion: Sufism and Literature Moderator: Raza Rumi. Panelists: Samina Quraeshi, Amar Jaleel, and Mahmood Jamal</p>
1pm - 2pm		Lunch
2 pm - 3pm	Maharaja	<p>Book Launch <i>Look at the City from Here: Karachi Writings</i> Selected and Edited by Asif Farrukhi Anita Ghulam Ali to launch. Moderator: Obaid Siddiqui Writers: Amar Jaleel, Hasan Manzar, Fahmida Riaz, and Harris Khaliq</p>
	Maharani	<p>Readings and in Conversation with Iftikhar Arif Moderator: Ghazi Salahuddin</p>
3pm - 4pm	Maharaja	<p>Panel Discussion: Literature in Translation Moderator: Musharraf Ali Farooqi Panelists: Shamsur Rahman Faruqi, Fahmida Riaz, and Durdana Soomro</p>
	Maharani	<p>Readings and in Conversation with Intizar Hussain and Asad Mohammad Khan, Moderator: Harris Khaliq</p>
4pm - 5pm	Maharani	<p>Readings and in Conversation with Mohsin Hamid Moderator: Sunil Sethi</p>
	Maharaja	<p>Readings and in Conversation with Fahmida Riaz Moderator: Raza Rumi</p>
5pm - 6pm	Scellinas	<p>Crossing Borders: Readings from Eqbal Ahmed by Zohra Yousuf Moderator: Irfan Husain. Panelists: Mohammad Hanif, Fahmida Riaz, and Wasif Rizvi</p>
	Maharani	<p>Readings and in Conversation with Victoria Schofield Moderator: Ayesha Tammy Haq</p>
6pm - 7pm	Maharani	<p>Panel Discussion: Contemporary South Asian English Literature: Its Role and Challenges Today Moderator: Muneeza Shamsie. Panelists: Mohammad Hanif, Sarfaraz Manzoor, and Sadia Shepard</p>
	Maharaja	<p>Readings and in Conversation with Zehra Nigah Moderator: Fatima Hassan</p>
9pm onwards	Arts Council	<p>Insha ka Intezaar A play by Tehrik-e-Niswan (Sheema Kermani and group). By invitation only.</p>



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